

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE:

M.D.L. No. 1285

VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

HILL'S PET NUTRITION, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

F. HOFFMAN-LA ROCHE, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

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NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL, WITH PREJUDICE,
OF HILL'S PET NUTRITION, INC.'S
CLAIMS AGAINST THE NIACIN DEFENDANTS**

This cause is before the Court on the Motion of Plaintiff Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. ("Hill's Pet") for the dismissal, with prejudice, of Hill's Pet's claims in the above-captioned case against the Defendants Lonza AG, Lonza, Inc., Degussa AG, Degussa Corporation, Reilly Chemical S.A., Reilly Industries, Inc. and Nepera, Inc. (collectively the "Niacin Defendants"). The Court has considered the Motion, the record in this case, and being otherwise advised, it is

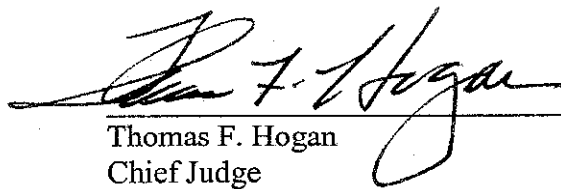
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the foregoing Motion to Dismiss, With Prejudice, of Hill's Pet's claim against the Niacin Defendants be and the same is hereby accepted and accepted and approved; and further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the above-captioned case of Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. v. F. Hoffman-La Roche, Ltd., et al., Case No. 00-4001-RDR is hereby DISMISSED with

prejudice against Defendants Lonza AG, Lonza, Inc., Degussa AG, Degussa Corporation, Reilly Chemical S.A., Reilly Industries, Inc. and Nepera, Inc. This dismissal is without prejudice to Hill's Pet's claims against any other Defendants or alleged co-conspirators in the above-captioned case.

Done and ordered in chambers in Washington, D.C. this 21 day of February

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Thomas F. Hogan
Chief Judge

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